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1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPUTY MINISTER
GORDEEV:

2. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US THAT THE DATES OF MAY
11 (AND 12 IF NEEDED) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET
SIDE FOR GRAIN CONSULTATIONS. AS YOU ARE PERHAPS AWARE,
A PLAN IS UNDERWAY FOR USDA SECRETARY BERGLAND TO ALSO
VISIT THE USSR FOR SEVERAL DAYS DURING MID-MAY. IT WOULD
BE OUR HOPE THAT THE DATE FOR OUR GRAIN CONSULTATION COULD
BE CHOSEN SO AS TO ENABLE SECRETARY BERGLAND TO CALL AT
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE EARLIER ON THAT SAME DATE
AND ALSO TO PARTICIPATE, IF THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE,
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DURING THE OPENING MOMENTS OF THE GRAIN CONSULTATION
MEETING ITSELF. ALTHOUGH IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH CHOICE
OF DATE WOULD ALSO DEPEND UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF
OFFICIALS ON THE USSR SIDE, IT WOULD APPEAR AT THIS TIME,
BASED ON THE ITINERARY PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED VISIT OF
SECRETARY BERGLAND, THAT AN APPROPRIATE DATE WOULD BE
MONDAY, MAY 15. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR UNDER-

STANDING ON THESE POINTS AND HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE

TO FIX A DATE ACCORDINGLY.

3. PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY REGARDS TO
DEPUTY MINISTER GORDEEV FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY.
CHRISTOPHER

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